



Proclamation

WHEREAS, nurses are the cornerstone of patient care in our state; and

WHEREAS, Year of the Nurse 2020 is being extended through 2021 as nurses continue to excel, lead and innovate, making a tremendous difference in our society; and

WHEREAS, nurses are leaders in improving the culture of safety and health, access to care, and quality of care for individuals, families, communities, the state, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, there are over 4 million nurses in the United States, of which more than 2,000 licensed practical nurses, 27,700 registered nurses, and 1,800 nurse practitioners are in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the demand for licensed nursing services is increasing because of the aging of the American population, life-sustaining technologies, and growth of community- and home-based health care services; and

WHEREAS, nurses connect individual, team, and organizational safety goals in all healthcare settings, but most of all, nurses connect patients with compassion, hope, understanding, and healing; and

WHEREAS, nurses are the heroes and heroines serving in unprecedented roles as frontline health care professionals for COVID-19 prevention, management, and care;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

“NURSES MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in honoring nurses for their dedication, professionalism, inspiration, compassion, courage, and resilience as they continue to take care of the medical and emotional needs of our keiki, kūpuna, 'ohana and communities.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of April 2021.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i